

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE - Indiana's largest state operated property!

Patoka Lake Interpretive Services presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs & special events throughout the year. Take a close up look at amazing animals! Join in woods walks! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information. **HOURS:** Visitor Center open Daily, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. EDT
Visit our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/

August 2006 Activities

ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

Friday, August 4th

2p.m. **Naturally Patoka** ~ Does our special guest have fur, feathers, fins or fangs? Check it out for a close-up look at nature! HP-HP* **vc**

Saturday, August 5th

10a.m. to 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Enjoy a close-up look at two amazing raptors. HP-HP* **vc**

9a.m. **Roving with Nature** With a surprise or two, look for the naturalist near you to continue your Patoka adventure. Fun for all ages at the Modern and the Fisherman's Campgrounds. HP-HP*

1p.m. **Snakes of Patoka** ~ What kind of snake was that? What good are snakes? Take a look at the fascinating world of the common and not so common snakes of Patoka. HP-HP* **vc**

2p.m. **Patch Program** ~ Would you like to learn about the history, staff, wildlife and programs at Patoka and other Indiana parks and reservoirs? Discover the natural world around us. Complete fun activities, earn points and receive your patch and certificate. Natures Pal? Junior Wildlifer? Reservoir Ranger? Come and find out how you may join the patch program! HP-HP* **vc**

9p.m. **Night Hike** ~ Meet at the Beach Shelterhouse #1 parking lot (follow the signs) and join the naturalist in a fun night hike as we explore the adaptations of wildlife as they search for food and shelter after dark. Adults only please! HP-HP* **b**

Sunday, August 6th

10a.m. to 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Enjoy a close-up look at two amazing raptors. HP-HP* **vc**

9a.m. **Sunday Stroll** ~ Wear comfortable walking shoes and join the naturalist for a look at the morning wonders of summer. You never know what we'll see on our outdoor adventure. HP-HP* **vc**

11a.m. **Hunting with a Bald Eagle** ~ What are some of the fascinating tools or adaptations used by a bald eagle to hunt for its food? Find out amazing facts with a close-up look at resident Bald Eagle C52. HP-HP* **vc**

1p.m. **Wildflowers of Summer** ~ Butter & Eggs, Rose Pinks and Daisies are some of nature's fabulous flowers of summertime. With slides and a backyard garden stroll, let's explore the wonderful colors of the season. **vc**



Wednesday, August 9th, Opening Day at the State Fair

Bald Eagle C52 will be featured at 4p.m. in the DNR building at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis. Join in the new sites and activities at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources area with kids fishing and other activities for all ages. There will be special programs, presentations, displays and features sure to delight everyone. Hope to see you at the Indiana State Fair!

Friday, August 11th

2p.m. **Naturally Patoka** ~ Does our special guest have fur, feathers, fins or fangs? Check it out for a close-up look at nature. HP-HP* **vc**

7p.m. **Patoka Story Time** ~ Hear the story of Smokey Bear and other nature adventures. A surprise or two await you. Fun for ALL ages at the Modern Campgrounds Center Shelterhouse. **ccs**

BALD EAGLE C52 RAPTOR FUND

A fund has been established with the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation so you can help provide for the long term care of Bald Eagle C52 and other permanently injured birds of prey used in interpretive programming at Patoka Lake.



Donations may be sent to:
Indiana Natural Resources Foundation
attn: C52 Fund
402 W. Washington St., # W256
Indianapolis, IN 46204

For a detailed schedule of viewing times or more information about Patoka's resident raptors, eagles around Indiana and how you can help, call the Visitor Center at 812/685-2447 or check out the web:
www.in.gov/dnr/c52

*Healthy Parks - Healthy People

get "INShape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

**SMOKEY BEAR'S
62ND BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH
10A.M. - 12P.M.
PATOKA LAKE VISITOR CENTER**



**Children of all ages!
Bring your family and friends!
Meet the Birthday Bear.
Bring your camera and have your
picture taken with Smokey!**

Saturday, August 12th,

2p.m. **Patch Program** ~ See Saturday, August 5th. **vc**

Sunday, August 13th

10a.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Hear about the way of life near the Dillard Farm and the “Narry’s” in the 1900s. HP-HP* **vc**

2p.m. **Bats are Beautiful** ~ Learn fascinating facts of these amazing misunderstood creatures. **vc**

Saturday, August 19th

10a.m. **Barred Owls of Indiana** ~ Whooo knows what a barred owl eats? Can this owl really turn its head almost all the way around? Find out as we explore the world of the barred owl with a special guest and a close-up look. **vc**

2p.m. **Patch Program** ~ See Saturday, August 5th. **vc**

Sunday, August 20th

10a.m. **Turtle Talk** ~ Let’s talk turtles; box turtles that is. Why is “she” living at the Patoka Lake Visitor Center? How do we know this is a female turtle? Come and find out! **vc**



Sunday, August 20th (continued)

2p.m. **Animal Tracks & Signs** ~ Animals leave many signs of their passing. Find out how to observe animals without them being there. Fun for all ages! **vc**



Saturday, August 26th

10a.m. to 3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Barred Owl** will be in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Enjoy a close-up look at two amazing raptors. HP-HP* **vc**

10a.m. **You’re BUGGIN’ ME!** ~ With a fun activity and a craft, take a close-up look at the insects of Patoka. BZZZZ.....Fun for all ages! **vc**

1p.m. **Patoka Story Time** ~ Hear stories and songs about nature with the naturalist in the storytelling area of the Visitor Center. Fun for all ages! **vc**



Sunday, August 27th

9a.m. **Roving Naturalist** ~ With a surprise or two, look for the naturalist near you to continue your Patoka adventure. Fun for all ages at the Modern and the Fisherman’s Campgrounds.

COMING

Sept. 9th - Patoka’s Fall “INShape” Walk - Join us for a fitness walk, health information and other activities.

Sept. 16th - “Wheelin’ in the Fish” program for folks with special needs and their family. Join in the annual event celebrating the features of Patoka Reservoir, Osborne Ramp.

October 13th & 14th - Autumn Getaway - Fun for campers of all ages, from Friday evening through Saturday evening, enjoy music, crafts, animal programs, Pitch-In stew and much more. Decorate your campsite for a friendly competition for the Autumn and Halloween season. You might want to reserve your campsite soon for this exciting weekend! Reservations may be made by calling 1-866-622-6746 or online at www.camp.IN.gov

KEY for Program Locations:

vc-Visitor Center

b-Beach

ccs-Modern Campgrounds Center Shelterhouse

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